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## COLUMBIA EASILY SAILS AWAY FROM SHAMROCK, BEATING HER BY 10 MINUTES IN A GOOD BREEZE.

|                | H. M. S. |
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| THE START      |          |
| Columbia.....  | 11:01:06 |
| Shamrock.....  | 11:01:03 |
| THE OUTER MARK |          |
| Columbia.....  | 1:48:19  |
| Shamrock.....  | 1:58:08  |
| THE FINISH     |          |
| Columbia.....  | 3:54:59  |
| Shamrock.....  | 4:05:10  |
| ELAPSED TIME   |          |
| Columbia.....  | 4:53:53  |
| Shamrock.....  | 5:04:07  |
| CORRECTED TIME |          |
| Columbia.....  | 4:53:53  |
| Shamrock.....  | 5:4:01   |

**PROSPECTS FOR TO-DAY'S RACE.**  
SANDY HOOK, MIDNIGHT—The wind is blowing 19 miles an hour from the east.  
WEATHER FORECAST—Fresh east to south-east winds. Velocity from ten to twenty miles an hour. Cloudy.

### C. Oliver Iselin Says:

The race speaks for itself. I can add nothing.

### Sir Thomas Lipton Says:

We were fairly beaten. The course was clear, and I have no complaint to make. It was not a Shamrock wind, and I hope to do better next time.

### Hank Haff Says:

THOSE few individuals who have acquired the "yacht race habit" and who had sufficient courage to go down to Sandy Hook Lightship, yesterday morning were at last repaid for their pains, for, after seven unsuccessful attempts, the Columbia and Shamrock at last succeeded in sailing the first of the series of races for the possession of the America's Cup.

I said they sailed a race. It was, however, little more than a procession, for Columbia took the lead at the start and increased it constantly to the outer mark, which she turned nearly ten minutes ahead of the Irish challenger.

**Unless Shamrock shows up to better advantage than she did in yesterday's race there is no danger of Sir Thomas Lipton "lifting" the cup this year, for in the fifteen-mile beat to windward Columbia practically lost Shamrock in the fog, walking away from her green rival in a manner that undoubtedly surprised all who witnessed the race.**

When the big single stickers were towed out to the lightship there was about a nine-knot breeze blowing from the eastward, bringing in with it a thick, wet haze, making it impossible to see objects more than three miles away.

#### Long Ground Swell Makes Boats Roll.

There was no sea to speak of; just a long, low ground swell, heaving in from off shore, that gave the yachts an easy roll but did not spill the wind out of their sails.

The committee signalled that the course would be fifteen miles east by north and return. The preparatory gun was fired and the yachts began to skirmish for the start. Captain Barr got the advantage of the foreign skippers in the jockeying, and, as the starting gun was fired, sent the Columbia over the line ahead and well to windward of the Shamrock. Both yachts crossed the line on the starboard tack and held on to this tack for fifteen minutes, when the Shamrock tacked to port and Columbia at once went about on her rival's wind.

The weather conditions were undoubtedly very much to the Columbia's liking, for she immediately began to get away from the challenger, both outfooting and outpointing her.

The story of the race to the outer mark is simply a repetition of the first tack, for Columbia continued to gain until the flag was reached.

#### Columbia Keeps the Weather.

When once they had established their lead the Columbia people showed no tendency to let Shamrock get away, for the American boat kept on the Irishman's weather bow. She was always between the challenger and the mark.

In beating to windward the Columbia showed herself in a much better light than in any of the previous trials with Shamrock, and much of this improvement is probably due to alterations that have been made in her sails since the last time the boats were tried together.

And in yesterday's race Columbia was sailed better and more level than on any previous day. She also had the appearance of carrying less lead than she had heretofore. On each of the preceding days on which Shamrock and Columbia have sailed together I have noticed that the latter stood up as straight, if not straighter, than the former; but not so yesterday. The Columbia, while she did not carry such a large clubtopsail as the green yacht, had at all times a greater list, while the Shamrock stood up like the proverbial church, and did not seem to have wind enough to suit her.

#### Shamrock Threw Away Half a Mile.

Right at the start the Shamrock's skippers seemed to think they were going to have an easy thing of it once they got their wind clear of the Columbia, for as soon as they were over the line Hogarth put his tiller up and swung his boat off a couple of points to run through the lee of the cup defender. He forged his boat ahead by this move, but threw her many lengths to leeward.

Seeing that this would not work, Hogarth tacked, and when Columbia again tacked on his wind he again kept his boat off and ran her fully two points off the wind for five minutes, and in less than twenty

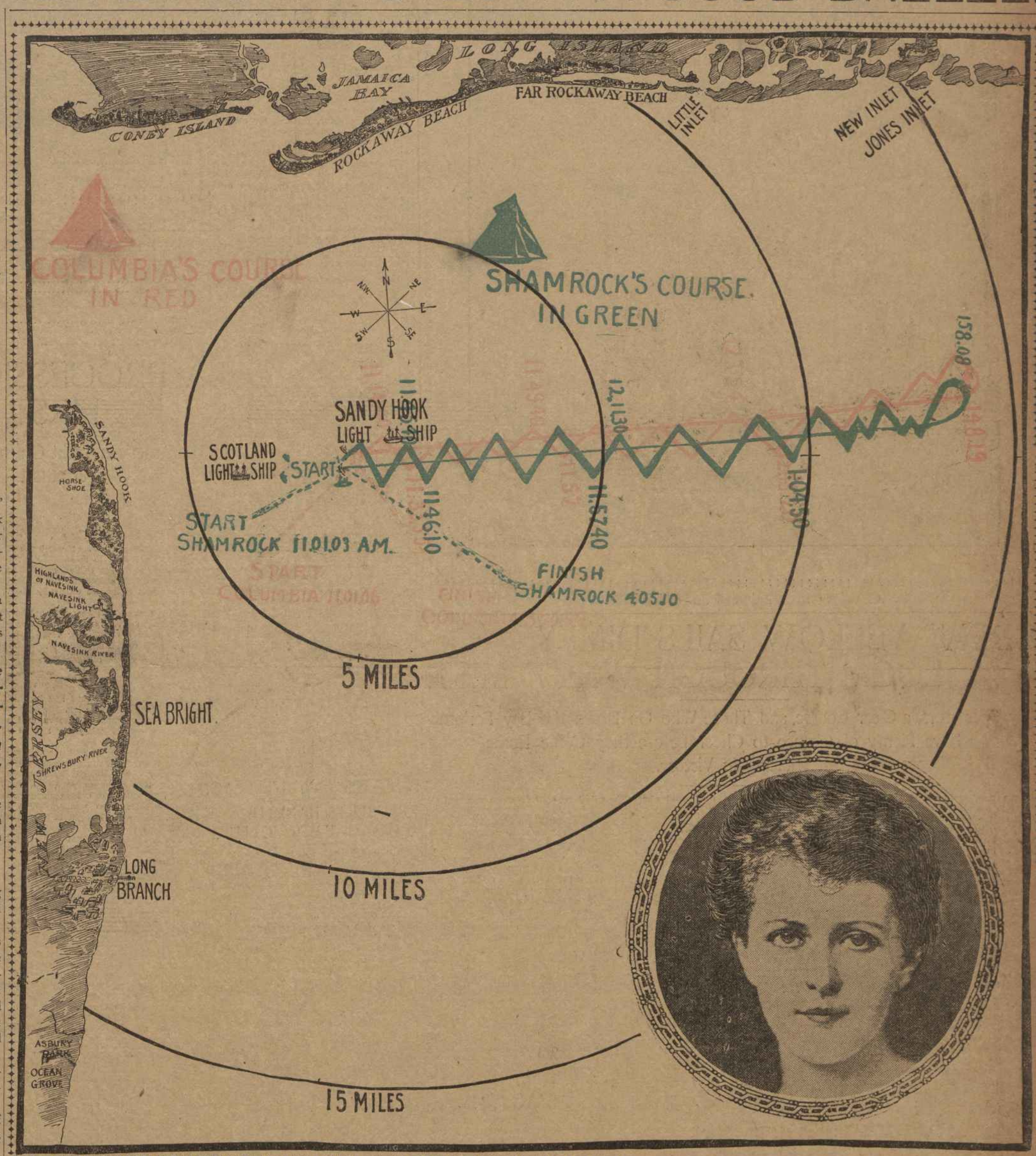


Diagram of the Course Sailed Yesterday.

minutes' sailing the Shamrock's skipper had thrown away nearly half a mile by this one manoeuvre.

Finding Columbia was beating him at this game, the Shamrock people began to make short hitches, trying to break tacks with Columbia, but in this they were unsuccessful, for Captain Barr had profited by the first day's experience and kept between his rival and the mark.

After several unsuccessful attempts to shake the American boat off his weather bow Hogarth settled down again into long stretches, and, giving his boat a very hard full, tried to force her ahead, but with no better results than in the earlier stages of the race, for when the boats had covered half the distance between the start and the outer mark the Columbia was more than a mile in the lead.

#### Shamrock's Skipper's Mistake.

Had the Shamrock's skipper sailed his boat on the wind, as he should have done, and not forced her off to leeward so far, she would have been much closer to the American yacht when the turn was reached; for when the boats were about half way out the Shamrock's sailors seemed to get settled, and for the first time during the day their boat pointed as high and footed as fast as the leader; and from this point on the Columbia did not appear to drop the Shamrock an inch.

I do not say that had Shamrock been sailed for all she was worth she would have won, but she might have been near enough at the turn to have bothered the Columbia's wind on the run home. As it was, she was hopelessly beaten before they had sailed five miles to wind-

ward, and turned the weather mark 9 minutes and 49 seconds behind.

**Captain Barr certainly deserves credit for the masterly manner in which he sailed his charge in beating out to windward, and, in fact, all day.**

Judging by her past performances the Shamrock did not show herself to be as good a boat as I expected.

#### Why Columbia Showed So Well.

In each of the three times that the yachts have started the Shamrock has pointed as high and footed as fast and sometimes faster than Columbia. The fact that she did not do it yesterday leads me to believe that Columbia's sails have been greatly improved and that she has been relieved of many pounds of ballast; for she appeared lighter on the water and seemed to start quicker in the moderate breeze that was blowing than she ever did before.

There were no flukes in yesterday's race. The wind, which was about east by north, held true throughout, and favored neither boat. The American boat won fairly and on her merits, though much of the margin is due to the fact that she was sailed better than the challenging yacht.

From the way the Shamrock stood up it looked to me as if she would do her best work in a stronger breeze than prevailed yesterday, and if there is a fifteen or eighteen knot breeze for one of the succeeding races I look for a closer and more interesting finish.

H. C. HART.

## SHAMROCK AT THE TAIL END OF A PARADE.

By Alex. C. Kenealy.

The American yacht Columbia beat the English yacht Shamrock yesterday over a thirty-mile course by ten minutes and fifteen seconds elapsed time, or ten minutes and eight seconds corrected time, deducting the time allowance.

The run was fifteen miles to windward and return. At every point the Columbia was the superior. She outpointed the Shamrock and went faster.

The English boat was at her best when going in a light breeze before the wind, although the Columbia beat her at this game, too.

Tacking out to the mark the Columbia whipped the Shamrock by nine minutes and fifty-two seconds. Coming home before the wind she increased her lead by seventeen seconds.

The result of the day's race was a complete surprise in view of the different showing made by the Columbia on the first days. The inference to be drawn is that the American boat is in better shape than the English boat.